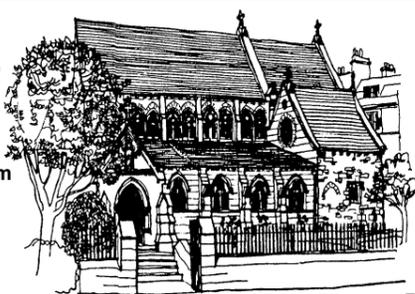


**ST MARY'S**  
**(Our Lady, Help of Christians)**  
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**You alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**(Divine Mercy Sunday)**  
**Year B Proper of the Season**  
**Sunday 11th April**  
9.00am Mass Mary & Dalton McElroy RIP  
10.30am Mass Private intention

**Monday 12th April**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
No Mass

**Tuesday 13th April**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
No Mass

**Wednesday 14th April**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
10.00am Mass May Mattravis RIP  
(LIVE-STREAMED ONLY)

**Thursday 15th April**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
No Mass

**Friday 16th April**  
**Weekday of Easter**  
10.00am Mass Gladys Lilly RIP  
(LIVE-STREAMED ONLY)

**Saturday 17th April**  
**Our Lady on Saturday**  
No Mass

The 10.00am Masses on Wednesdays & Fridays are not open to the public, but are live-streamed on the parish website & [www.churchservices.tv/bath](http://www.churchservices.tv/bath). The church will remain open for 9.00am & 10.30am Mass on Sundays, both of which are live-streamed. There will be no 5.00pm Mass.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation/  
Confession is available by request.**

We need at least two stewards at every Mass or we are not allowed to open the church. Could you help? If you are aged **18-60, live in BANES** and are not clinically vulnerable, please email the parish office to offer your services.

If Fr Jeremy is not available, and a priest is required urgently, please call:  
St Alphege's Fr Malcolm 424894  
St John's Fr Christopher 464471  
Sts Peter and Paul Fr Bill 832096

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**  
**1st Reading:** The Passion was not an unforeseen hitch in God's plan. Peter declares that the death and resurrection were integral parts of it.

**2nd Reading:** Habitual obedience to the commandments is a sign of genuine love of God. Failures in love need not lead to despair. Jesus who is sinless pleads for us.

**Gospel:** Jesus appears to his disciples. Though transformed, he is the same person who had been with them for the past three years. He instructs them. He sends them to preach the resurrection and the forgiveness of sins.

**Parish Prayers:**  
For Fr Jeremy and all the priests of our diocese. For Prince Philip RIP, the Queen and their family For all those with chronic or life threatening illnesses, including Michaela L and Georgia. For those suffering from stress and anxiety.

**Diocesan Church Prayer Link:**  
St Patrick, Brockworth  
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown

Masks are mandatory in all churches  
(unless you have an exemption card or are under 11 yrs old). Please make sure your mask covers both your nose & mouth throughout the whole Mass.

**SANCTUARY LAMPS:**  
The restored Sanctuary Lamps are back in place, & the brass lamp at the Lady Chapel has also been rehung. As you know we have had no votive candles in the church since the beginning of the pandemic, but these 7 day candles are available to purchase for your intentions. Envelopes are available at the entrance to of the church in which you can specify the lamp you wish, & the intention. Alternatively, call Fr Jeremy. Minimum offering per candle £5.00 to cover its cost. Please place the envelope with the offering in the collection box near the exit in the Lady Chapel, or hand it into the sacristy. The intention will be published in the bulletin unless you wish it to remain private. If there are no intentions for a particular week then a sanctuary lamp is still required to be lit, but it will be the only one.

**Week beginning Sunday 11th April**  
SL1 Private Intention  
SL2  
LC

**Coming to Mass during a pandemic:**  
Churches are open for public worship, but there are strict non-socialising rules we have to ensure are observed.  
**Booking:** Everyone needs to book a seat before they come to Mass, either via Eventbrite or the booking phone 07415000566 (for those who do not use the internet). If booking by phone, all bookings for the following week need to be made by noon on Saturdays.

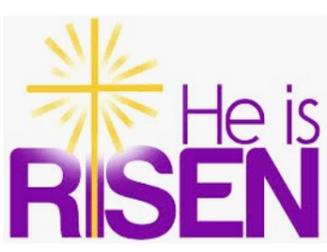
**COVID restrictions:** If you have had your first vaccination, that is wonderful! Sadly, this does not make you invincible. Many other people in the congregation will not have been vaccinated. Please keep to the rules about 1m+ distancing & do not sit beside those outside your bubble. We are urged to encourage anyone who is clinically vulnerable to protect themselves by staying at home, & experiencing the Mass through live-stream & spiritual communion [www.churchservices.tv/bath](http://www.churchservices.tv/bath)

**RUH CONTACT DETAILS:**  
If you or a loved one is going into the **Royal United Hospital**, please contact [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net) or call the RUH Chaplaincy 01225 428331 on arrival.

**Children's Liturgy:** Redemptorist provide a weekly Children's Liturgy with a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection & a final prayer. Fun, engaging & practical worksheets/resources provided to help children continue to practice their faith during this difficult time. <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/celebrate-following->

**John Desmond's 100km family virtual relay run to Oxford in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care:** There is still time to sponsor John! John and members of his family have been running during March so their combined runs equal the distance from Bath to Oxford (100kms). This is to raise money for Marie Curie. Please use the JustGiving link: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-desmond10](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-desmond10)

**This week we remember:**  
John Steedman, Peter Nowak,  
John Bradshaw and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.  
**May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.**



**Divine Mercy**

*Fr Jeremy writes:* A favourite prayer of mine is the Prayer of Absolution which the priest says as part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It begins, "God, the Father of Mercies, through the death & resurrection of his son..." Jesus Himself reveals God as the merciful Father in his preaching (especially in the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Lk15:11-32), in the many occasions when he bestows God's forgiveness on people he meets (for instance, the woman caught in adultery (Jn8:1-11), & above all, when he prays for forgiveness for those who are putting him to death (Lk23:34)). Throughout the centuries God has raised up saints who have reminded us of the mercy, compassion & forgiveness of God our Father. In recent times, this task has fallen to St. Faustina, canonised by Pope St John Paul II. The Pope also designated the Sunday within the Octave of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. We are encouraged, not only to recognise the truth of God's mercy towards each one of us, but to seek to put it into practice in our daily lives. Pope Francis called us, in the Year of Mercy, to be "merciful, like the Father."  
<https://www.thedivine Mercy.org/dms.php>  
<https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/the-significance-of-divine-mercy-sunday/>

**Could you be a Governor at St Mary's Primary School?** If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm & commitment, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of our parish primary school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills & experience, for the benefit of the children in our school. During the Easter holidays, you can find out more about St Mary's School here: <https://www.stmarys.bathnes.sch.uk/bathnes/primary/st-marys>

**FINANCE:** The pandemic has severely disrupted our means of receiving money. Whilst we have a foundation of regular givers, we have lost almost 30% of our monthly income. This is income essential to sustain the parish & its outreach responsibilities. We know many are facing greater financial hardship. However, if you are able to make a regular/occasional contribution, we would be grateful. Thanks to all who support St Mary's financially with a regular donation via their bank account or envelope giving. Please visit St Mary's website & give via the **DONATE** button. Any size of donation is welcome. Only the donations secretary sees confidential info. If you are a taxpayer, consider using Gift Aid to boost your donation by 25% : <https://www.stmarysbath.org.uk/parish-life>

**Mondays - Lectio Divina group:**  
Come & join us! A small, friendly Group who meet by Skype at 3.00pm on Mondays to read & share the Gospel for the next Sunday. We use Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) as a way to follow our reading & sharing. If you would like to chat & find out more before joining us, or to try it out from your own home, phone either Patrick 07966 366731 or Graham 07889 495419.

**LGBT+ Masses:** The monthly Masses at St Nicholas of Tolentino, Bristol, for the LG-BT+ community, family, friends & allies have now resumed. As previously, they are held at 3.00pm on the third Sunday of each month. These Masses are also now being livestreamed & then made available as recordings, for the benefit of those unable to join us in person. The live-stream can be accessed via a link on the parish website <https://tolentino.org.uk>

**CJM MUSIC:**  
Listen to Sunday's psalm sung here: <https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/2nd-sunday-of-easter-year-b/>

**Diocesan Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage**  
Friday 16th April is the Feast Day of St Bernadette Soubirous, so as part of our own ongoing virtual pilgrimage Mgr Liam Slattery will be celebrating a livestream Mass at 7:00pm Please join us through the Clifton diocese website at [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com)

**The Sanctuary of Lourdes** We have heard from the Rector of the sanctuary that due to the new lockdown in France, they are still not able to accept pilgrimages. So, until visitors from outside the local area are allowed, the chaplains will be offering Masses & Rosaries throughout the day which can be viewed either on their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> or via their YouTube channel (try it on your smart TV) <https://www.youtube.com/user/LourdesWebTV> The rector invites intentions & petitions which can be requested through their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/> This is a difficult time for all of us, but please pray for the local people of Lourdes, along with the Chaplains & those who serve at the shrine. The Rector assures us of his prayers.

**Clifton Diocesan Trustees:** The Diocese is looking for an individual to join the Board of the Trustees & chair the new Safeguarding sub-committee. In order to enhance the skills of the Board, the suitable person should have: a strong understanding of safeguarding & ideally have experience as a leader in a safeguarding role; experience in finance & financial management/charity governance/ commercial leadership. One 3 hour meeting p/m on Wednesday 9.30 am in Bristol plus other work on the Safeguarding sub-committee, & preparation for meetings/ 6 hours per month plus travelling time. To be considered for this position, send your details to the Bishop's Private Secretary, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW by 16th April.

**PARISH OFFICE:**  
**Closed until April 19th**  
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Bulletin items must arrive by noon on Weds: [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com)  
**Email Charlotte** to receive the Sunday bulletin by email on Fridays or the Mon-Thurs emails of updates & ideas of how to cope in a pandemic. These are archived on the parish website "News, Events & Pandemic Resources". Charlotte remains working from home, so do not visit or ring her at the Parish Centre. If you have her home phone number, please do not pass it on nor use it for church issues. Email [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) to contact her or ring Fr Jeremy 01225 311725.

**Live streaming from St Mary's:**  
\*Sunday Mass 9.00am, 10.30am  
\*Lent Holy Hours Sundays 4.00pm  
\*Wednesdays & Fridays Mass 10.00am  
You can access the live stream via the website or through [www.ChurchServices.tv/bath](http://www.ChurchServices.tv/bath) This resource will continue to be useful for parishioners who cannot attend Mass; also for streaming services such as funerals, baptisms, weddings, plus Christmas & Lent services. There is an ongoing cost of nearly £2,500 each year for support from ChurchServices, & other costs such as broadcasting licence fees. Happily, parishioners have been most generous in funding installation costs of £4950. We have received, in 2021, over half the ongoing costs for this year. Please contact Michael Gage if you want to Gift Aid your donation via [msg.gage@gmail.com](mailto:msg.gage@gmail.com) You can also donate via the **donate** button on the parish website or send a cheque made payable to "St Mary's Catholic Church Bath" to 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF.

**Diocese: Dare to dream - Easter reflections**  
Bishop Declan invites each one of us to continue to take time to reflect on the life of our Diocese as we move forward out of the pandemic. Inspired by the writings of Pope Francis, 'Dare to Dream' encourages us to think about God's invitation to each one of us to shape the future of the Church, particularly in this corner of the world. Each reflection is accompanied by a video which we are encouraged to watch before engaging with the scripture offered. Fr Jeremy will taking part in this on Pentecost Sunday <https://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream/>

**SAFEGUARDING** Fr Jeremy needs to recruit one more **Parish Safeguarding Representatives**. A P.S.R. is a really important role within the parish, to help safeguard the young & the vulnerable. Part of the role is making sure all those who volunteer in certain roles are checked using the Disclosure & Barring Service. If you are interested in learning more about the role, please ring 311725 or email Fr Jeremy to discuss it [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) Alternatively you can speak to Becky Cawsey at the Diocesan safeguarding office [Becky.Cawsey@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Becky.Cawsey@cliftondiocese.com)